

adopted a new Charter at an election held on the 26th day of March, 1918, to secure the benefits under said above named Act, and in pursuance of the powers therein conferred the said City has voted bonds and enacted ordinances and is acquiring rights and easements necessary to provide said city with an adequate water supply which may call in question the validity of said Charter and Incorporation, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and said rule is suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage; and it is so enacted.

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CREATING THE HUMBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN HARRIS COUNTY.

H. B. No. 332.]

CHAPTER 13.

An Act Creating and Incorporating Humble Independent School District in Harris County, Texas, out of the territory now composing Common School District No. 50, of said County, providing that the title of the school property vested in said Common School District No. 50, shall vest in said Humble Independent School District, and that said Independent School District assume the debts of said Common School District No. 50; providing for a Board of Trustees of said Humble Independent School District; providing the time and manner of their election; defining their powers and duties, and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That an independent school district is hereby created and established in Harris County, Texas, to be known as Humble Independent School District, which said district shall comprise the same territory as the common school district now known as Common School District No. 50, in Harris County, Texas, as taken from the original copy of the proceedings of the Harris County School Board, and now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Harris County, Texas, the metes and bounds of said Humble Independent School District to be as follows:

"Beginning at a point at the intersection of Green's Bayou and the H. E. & W. T. Railway, thence down Green's Bayou with its meanders to the Victor Blanco Survey; thence North to the center line of the Victor Blanco Survey; thence East to the San Jacinto River; thence up San Jacinto River following its meanders to the county line; thence Southeast along the county line to the West line of the W. B. Adams Survey; thence South along the West line of the W. B. Adams Survey to the H. E. & W. T. Railway intersection; thence Southeast along the H. E. & W. T. Railway to the place of beginning."

SEC. 2. The said Humble Independent School District is hereby incorporated and made a body corporate in law for free school purposes only, and all powers, duties, and privileges of the Humble Inde-

pendent School District not herein specified, shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas governing Independent School Districts incorporated for school purposes.

SEC. 3. The management and control of the public free schools of said Humble Independent School District is hereby vested in a Board of Trustees that shall be composed of five (5) persons, who are resident citizens and qualified voters within said district, the manner of their election and tenure of office to be as follows:

Whereas the said Humble Independent School District is composed almost entirely of three voting precincts, viz., Humble Precinct No. 64; Moonshine Hill Precinct No. 94, and Williams School House Precinct No. . . . ., and whereas a distribution of Trustees by said precincts will conduce to a more equitable apportionment of funds to the various schools of said district, therefore it is enacted that one of said trustees shall be chosen from and by the qualified voters of each of said precincts and two shall be chosen from the district at large; all of said trustees shall be elected on the first Saturday in May, 1919, two of whom shall hold office for six years and until their successors are elected and qualified; two of whom shall hold office for a term of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and one of said Trustees shall hold office for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. When elected, said trustees shall determine by lot among themselves, which two shall hold office for six years, which two shall hold office for four years and which one shall hold office for two years. Beginning with the first Saturday in May, 1921, and every two years thereafter, an election shall be held by the qualified voters in said Humble Independent School District, or in such election precinct where a term shall have expired, for the purpose of electing one or two trustees, as the case may be, and the term said Trustee or Trustees when elected shall be six years, and until his or their successors shall have been elected and qualified. It is expressly enacted that this Act shall not operate to affect the tenure of office of the trustees of Common School District No. 50 until the trustees above provided for shall have been duly elected and qualified; said Board of Trustees of Common School District No. 50, to exercise the control and management of the public free schools of the Humble Independent School District, together with all the powers and duties herein provided for, until their successors have been elected in May, 1919, and shall have qualified as provided for in this Act.

SEC. 4. It is expressly provided that the Board of Trustees of Humble Independent School District shall be authorized to appoint a Board of Equalization, consisting of three persons who shall not be members of the Board of Trustees, and shall fix the time of the said Board of Equalization. Said Board of Equalization shall be authorized to equalize and fix the valuation of all real and personal property assessed for school purposes within said Humble Independent School District, exclusive of any and all authority. After fixing the valuation of property within said district, it shall cause notices to be issued by the Secretary of the School Board to all persons or corporations whose property value have been changed, citing such person or corporation to appear before said Board of Equalization to show cause

why such changes in valuation shall not be made. For the purpose of hearing the complaints of those cited, said Board of Equalization shall designate a time not less than ten or more than fifteen days after adjournment of its previous meeting.

SEC. 5. The Board of Trustees of the Humble Independent School District are hereby vested with the authority to elect and contract with a Superintendent, principals, teachers, and other employees, for such term as said Board may deem proper; provided that such term of election or contract shall not exceed four years, and further provided that such election and contract are conditioned upon the good behavior, competency, and efficiency in performance of all duties assigned to said superintendent, principal, teacher, and other employee, and that the said Board of Trustees, upon due investigation and proof of unbecoming conduct, neglect of duty, inefficiency, or incompetency of any employee shall have the lawful authority to cancel the contract and discharge such employee.

SEC. 6. Whereas at duly held elections in Common School District No. 50 of Harris County Texas which said District is hereby incorporated as Humble Independent School District said Common School District No. 50 issued bonds and voted a bond tax to create a sinking fund and pay interest on the bonded indebtedness of said District, and a duly held election voted a maintenance tax; therefore, said bonds and maintenance tax are hereby in all things ratified confirmed, and validated, and the Board of Trustees of the Humble Independent School District is hereby authorized to levy annually and collect the said tax as voted by the Common School District No. 50.

SEC. 7. All moneys due from any source, to said Common School District No. 50, are hereby vested in said Humble Independent School District, and all custodians shall be governed accordingly, and said Humble Independent School District shall succeed to all rights, titles, claims and interest of every character of said Common School District No. 50, and shall be liable for all debts and claims now existing against Common School District No. 50.

SEC. 8. This Act shall repeal any general law or portion thereof in conflict with the provisions hereof, without impairing any law applicable to any other subject than the Humble Independent School District.

SEC. 9. The unequal valuations of property in the Humble Independent School District, the lack of funds with which to properly maintain the schools of said district, and pay the teachers therein living wages, create such imperative public necessity that the Constitutional rule requiring Bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and this this Act be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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